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TO: Lowell P. Braxton, Administrator, Mineral Resource
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THRU: *gn* John Whitehead, Permit Supervisor/Reclamation
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FROM: Pamela Grubaugh-Littig, Reclamation Engineer *pgl*

RE: Response to Memo About Change in Form and Amount of
Surety for Western Tar Sands, Inc.'s Raven Ridge
Project, ACT/047/016, Uintah County, Utah

Upon review of the May 7, 1985 memo to the Board from you regarding the change in form and amount of the Western Tar Sands surety, I have the following concerns:

1. The letter from Western Tar Sands, Inc., should include an estimate of what the \$2,000 represents. Why not \$5,000? Does the \$2,000 sum represent their costs or the state costs for reclamation work? Lump sums do not represent the work to be done, that is why detailed estimates are needed. A detailed estimate from the operator is needed to accurately account for the reclamation work. Upon review of this estimate, it is then determined by the Division if this amount is adequate.
2. The letter states "The Division is in accord with the reduction to this figure." I feel uncomfortable about what the \$2,000 represents and am not in accord with this amount.
3. The letter said the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining would hold the Certificate of Deposit (CD). It should be clearly stated that the CD will be made payable to the Division as well.

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Based on the above-noted concerns, I would respectfully request that (1) this matter not go before the Board as it presently stands, and (2) you allow me to request from the Company the bonding information to support the reduced bond figure.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this matter.

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